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DIVISION OF OIL GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

We have received the updated Subsidence Control Plan for Genwal Coal Company, Inc. dated May 15, 1985. Included in this plan is a pillar recovery plan Genwal initiated for approval from MSHA.

The approved mine plan calls for two coal seams to be mined and the pillars pulled. It has been determined by recent drilling that only the Hiawatha coal seam is minable. As a result there is less potential for possible subsidence than anticipated at the time the mine plan was approved.

Now that only one coal seam will be mined it is important that all of the coal possible be mined to assure maximum economic recovery (MER) of the coal. The plan for extracting pillars included in this Subsidence Control Plan is the first of several steps Genwal is making to obtain approval from NSHA for full pillar extraction.

Genwal's plan to obtain maximum pillar extraction is in agreement with the MER concept of the R2P2 part of the approved mine plan. We have no objections to the updated Subsidence Control Plan becoming a part of the approved mine plan.

If you have any questions please contact Allen Vance in our Price office, at 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

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District Manager

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